

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

N RE APPLICATION OF

KATSUJI WATANABE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MARSCHEL, A.

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FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SEARCHING FOR RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BASE SEQUENCES IN

GENES

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 2, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.